



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LYNCH SYNDROME CANCERS AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome, or hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic, and other types of cancers; and
- WHEREAS: Geneticists estimate that over 800,000 persons, including 22,500 individuals in Georgia alone, have Lynch syndrome. Additionally, 5 percent of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their loved ones may be at high risk for hereditary cancers. Furthermore, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and,
- WHEREAS: Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, leading to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: On this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Georgia and to encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward detection and prevention; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2014, as LYNCH SYNDROME CANCERS AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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